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An article in the June 25th Los Angeles Times reported Governor Schwarzenegger's possible support for the repeal of the Hayden Bill, a state law requiring animal shelters to hold animals for four to six days before administering euthanasia. While I appreciate the concern for the fiscal issues of the state's cities and counties, repealing this law would do little to solve our budget problems and creates a very disconcerting situation for pet owners.

The Hayden Bill also has important protections for animals including the requirement of proper veterinarian care, the use of microchip scanners to help reunite lost pets with their owners, and the prohibition of individuals convicted of animal cruelty from owning a pet for three years.

The Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control, the California Animal Control Director's Association, the California Veterinary Medical Association and the State Humane Association of California oppose repealing the Hayden Bill.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board send a five-signature letter to the Governor and the State Legislature urging them to not repeal the Hayden Bill which was established in 1998 to provide greater protection to the animals served by shelters operated by local governments.

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